**Hiring of Vehicles by Delhi Police**

410. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police hire private commercial vehicles during elections and bandhs etc. and pay therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such payments have not been made by the Delhi Police of South West Region in some cases for the vehicles hired on the occasion of last Sabha elections and the band in October, 1990;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Payment in respect of vehicles hired during the bandh in October, 1990 has already been made. Payment in respect of 14 vehicles hired during the last Lok Sabha election could not be made due to non-submission of bills in 6 cases and discrepencies in the bills referred in other cases.

**Honour conferred on ITBP and police personnel for outstanding service**

411. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some personnel of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and other police personnel were honoured posthumously on the 17th January, 26th January, 1991 and 15th August, 1991 respectively for their outstanding services to the nation;

(b) whether it is a fact that some amount of money was also given to the widows/dependents of the police personnel; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such amount of ex-gratia money was not given to the widows of deceased ITBP personnel;

(d) if so, the reasons for the discrimination; and

(e) the details of benefits to which the widows/dependents of such ITBP personnel and police personnel are entitled and the benefits actually provided in the above cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Shri Des Raj, Subedar, ITBP was awarded Police Medal for gallantry (posthumously) for an act of gallantry of 22nd May, 1989. This Medal was presented to his widow by ITBP on 17th January, 1991. The ITBP did not honour any other police personnel posthumously either on the 26th January or 15th August, 1991.

Information about the other police personnel honoured on these dates is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The widow of late Shri Des Raj is entitled to a monetary allowance @ Rs. 60/- p.m. from the date of the gallantry act for which the award is made. No other amount was given to her on 17-1-1991.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

(e) ITBP personnel are entitled to all such benefits such as Central Government Employees Group Insurance Scheme, 1980, Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity, Extra-ordinary Pension, General Provident Fund etc. as are admissible to Central Govt. employees. In addition ITBP has a Contributory Central Benevolent (Risk Premium) Fund, which is maintained on Contributory basis. The benefits from this fund are given to the next of kin of the deceased to the extent of Rs. 1,35.000/- (Rs. 15000/- lump sum and Rs. 500/- p.m. for 240 months). Rs. 2500/- is also granted to the next of kin of the deceased from Welfare Fund. ITBP also maintains a